MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) The length of the roads maintained by the P. W. D. is as follows:—

	Metalled roads.	Unmetalled roads.	Village roads.	Cart tracks
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Kunnattur taluk ...	30·2640	45·3750	34·132	38.0
Mavelikara taluk ...	14·3300	50·2640	41·33	34·495

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes. First two furlongs of 1st mile were regravelled in 1117.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) No. The existing system of putting up of temporary bund with a contribution by Government of Rs. 200 is being continued.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR: With reference to answer to part (b) may I know why that important ryots' road is not maintained?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The ryots have not completed their portion of the work as yet.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR: With reference to answer to part (c) may I know when the work referred to has been done?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: That is a village road 5 3/4 miles in length with a grant of Rs. 10 per mile. In fact we have been diverting funds from other village roads and doing gravelling and other works on this road.

Chief Inspector in the Transport Department.

124 ✻ **MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP** (*Ambalapuzha cum Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a Chief Inspector in the Transport Department;

(*b*) if so, what are his duties;

(*c*) whether he has to go on circuit to inspect and see if there is overcrowding of more than 50 per cent of the total number of passengers licensed to be carried in the bus; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (c) is in the negative, whether there is any other officer in the department who does the work for the department?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Scrutiny and analysis of the returns submitted by the Inspectors conducting surprise inspection in the service lines to detect fraud and other malpractices, supervision of service operations, investigation of accidents, etc.

(*c*) Yes. The Line Inspectors also attend to this.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of answer to part (*c*).

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MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether the Chief Inspector is a circuiting officer?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether he has reported any over-crowding in the buses more than the admitted over-crowding?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Since the issue of the order that buses should not be over-crowded beyond a certain limit, he has not made any report because such over-crowding has not arisen.

Time taken by buses plying between Kottayam and Trivandrum.

125 *MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the time taken by the Express buses of the Government Transport Department to travel between Kottayam and Trivandrum up to the 1st of Medam 1118 and the time taken by it from 10-11-1118; and

(*b*) the time taken by the ordinary transport bus to travel from Kottayam to Trivandrum up to 1-7-1118 and after 10-11-1118?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI:

(*a*) Up to 1-9-1118 4¾ Hrs. *via* Kottarakara & Quilon.
4¼ ,, *via* Do. & Kilimanoor.
From 10-11-1118. 5¾ ,, *via* Do. & Quilon.
5¼ ,, *via* Do. & Kilimanoor.

(*b*) 6 hours and 6 hrs. 40 minutes respectively.

Broadcasting at Trivandrum.

126 *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN (*Kunnatnad cum Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the stage at which the work in connection with broadcasting begun at Trivandrum is at present;

(*b*) when they expect the completion of the same;

(*c*) whether they have sent any one to any place for study and training in broadcasting and got him down;

(*d*) if so, who that person is, to which places he has been sent, and what amount has been spent on each such person by Government;

(*e*) whether people so trained and got down are now in service here; and

(*f*) if not, where and for what purpose they have gone?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA K. P. PADMANABHA MENON (*Electrical Engineer to Government*): (*a*) The erection of the Transmitter has been completed. The works in connection with the studio are in progress.

(*b*) The completion of the works in all respects depends upon the availability of a large number of essential spare parts which are on order mostly from abroad. In the meantime the transmitter is working regularly once every week.

(*c*) Yes.

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